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1. Second day of talks began with Santini going through Italian document point by point, emphasizing that in each case there had been no change in Italian position. USDEL replied that Italian document showed no change from Italian positions prior to Ortona-Solomon talks, but in large part returned us to that era. We had thought following points were agreed as result of those talks:

A) Capacity: We would have Bermuda agreement subject only to side understanding which might include prescreening and prior notification. Current Italian position on 747's essentially returns to predetermination.

B) Routes: Two sides had agreed term "from the United States" would be used in US route description. Subsequently, as concession to help solve multiple designation problem, US agreed to name points of departure in side understanding

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if all US certificated rights included. Current Italian position constitutes double tracking and would only permit US services from US points to which Italians have access.

C) All cargo: Had been agreed all cargo would come under agreement after predeterminist transition period. Italians now cannot assure that all cargo would ever come under agreement as to frequencies or routes.

2. Italian position also more rigid on other subjects, some of which not considered in Solomon-Ortona talks. Among these are behind gateway limitations, change of gauge, multiple designation, 747 services. Under circumstances, USDEL said current Italian position such step backward that difficult see how to proceed. Santini quickly agreed and two sides decided adjourn.

3. Dels proceeded to Italian Embassy luncheon at which Ortona indicated severe disappointment at possible misunderstandings and urged both sides keep lines open for resumed discussions. Tresize responded that it should be

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possible overcome our differences in principles and reach agreement in interest of our carriers, traveling public, and obviously close relations. He indicated that US prepared consult further with Italians possibly in March.

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